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For none of us live to himself, and die to himself.—Rox 14:7.

LOOK OUT FOR FLOOD

WITH twenty-two inches of snow on the ground and ice that thickness of ice in the river the chances are that we will add to the hardships of winter...

PUBLIC SPEAKING

THE Harrisburg Young Men's Christian Association has organized a class in public speaking and it is becoming one of the most popular branches of the organization.

BEEF STEAK

IT is no longer just one disagreeable thing after another; it's come to be a whole lot of disagreeable things all jumbled up together.

OUR LATIN TRADE

IMPORTS from the Spanish-American countries during the first nine months of the current year reached a total of \$858,287,000, or about 38 per cent. of our entire import trade for the period.

Tired Being the Goat

Austria, war-weary and worse, is told plainly by her Foreign Minister that she is being suspected that every life she loses from now on, all the money she spends from now on, all the hardship she undergoes for Germany, not for herself.

DO YOU KNOW

—That Harrisburg is sending large amounts of grain to the seaboard?

Politics in Pennsylvania

By the Ex-Committeeman

AN IMPORTANT LINK THE roadway between Harrisburg and Lebanon is an important link of a great cross State highway, in addition to being a section of a proposed government post road, and some means should be found whereby the Dauphin county commissioners, the Lebanon county commissioners and the State Highway Department may reach an understanding as to its immediate improvement.

Senator William C. Sproul will announce his candidacy for the Republican nomination for Governor in a formal statement the latter part of next week and will immediately open headquarters in Philadelphia. A Senator will make an active campaign and it is stated by men close to the man from Lebanon that his decisions will be in line with the most advanced thought of the day and that his position on the big economic and moral issues will be clear enough for all.

OUT WITH THEM

RICHARD C. SCHEIDT has resigned from the faculty of Franklin and Marshall College, a position he held with much credit to himself and the school for many years, rather than have a committee inquire into his pro-German leanings.

PRACTICAL SUGGESTION

MAYOR KEISTER'S snow removal proclamation is a practical measure and doubtless will meet with a hearty response on the part of the public. Everybody is inconvenienced by the snow on the streets, from the merchant who operates a delivery wagon to the man or woman who has occasion to use the trolley cars.

A TOAST

When you turn hell loose on the earth, you are apt to feel the fire. By way of comforting the Kaiser, we offer him three verses, written by George Morrow Mayo, a young Kentuckian, formerly resident in Washington, now a gunner's mate in the United States Navy.

LABOR NOTES

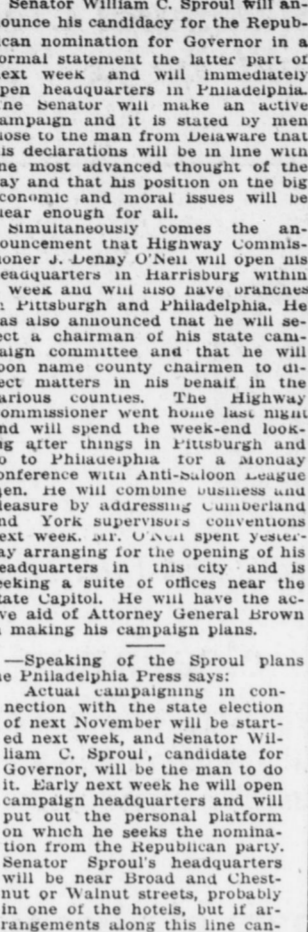
To-day there are some 900,000 British women engaged in war industries, "carrying on" the work of men at the front, and of this number more than 600,000 are engaged in the manufacture of munitions.

Byron, Too

The Russians now were ready to attack; But, O ye goddesses of love and love, How shall I spell the name of each Cossaque, Who were immortal, could one tell their story! Alas! What to their memory can lack? Achilles' self was not more grim and gory Than that of this new and the polish'd nation Whose names want nothing but pronunciation.—Don Juan, Canto VII.

IT HAPPENS IN THE BEST REGULATED FAMILIES

BY BRIGGS



EDITORIAL COMMENT

It seems likely that the Russians will decide they are not as badly whipped as German propaganda has led them to believe.—Newark News.

SMILEAGE BOOKS

By WALT MASON.

I'll buy a dozen Smileage Books, and then a dozen more, gads! and send them to some soldier chaps, and help to brighten up their minds. Oh, anything that I can do to keep the boys from getting blue, to keep them cheerful, bright and sane, and drive the fancies from the brain, I'll do with forty kinds of glee; so you can always count on me. I am too fat to scrap, myself; old age has placed me on the shelf. I'm wedded to my easy chair. I couldn't whip a Belgian hare. The younger men must fight for me, and see that I have liberty, and all the blessings I desire, while I sit dozing by the fire.

THEATERS NOT LUXURIES

Little by little it is being realized that the theaters are something more than idle luxury, especially during war time. Some sort of amusement and relaxation is necessary for human effort. Men and women are not machines. Whether you like it or not, a huge number of workers, of all classes, are learning to find their relaxation and amusement in the theaters.

HIS LAST LETTER

Edwin A. Abbey, of Pennsylvania, Lieutenant, Fourth Canadian Rifles, killed in action at Vimy Ridge, April 10, 1917, wrote this last letter to his parents: "Dear Mother and Father: I am going up to an attack in a few days, and I am going to leave this note, to be sent to you, in case, by God's Will, this is to be my final work. I have made my Communion, and go with a light heart and a determination to do all that I possibly can to help in this fight against evil for God and humanity. I do not think of death or expect it, but I am not afraid of it and will give my life gladly if it is asked. It is my greatest comfort that I know you, too, will gladly give all that is asked, and live on happily through all that can befall me, to God for His acceptance of our sacrifice. To-day the news came to us here that the United States has joined the Allies, so I go with the happy consciousness that I am and you are fighting for our dear Flag as thousands of Americans have before us in the cause of Liberty. It may be a comfort to you to know that I have a great company of comrades, men and officers, all filled with determination and cheerful courage. My dearest love to Sue and Howard and their dear children, Marjorie and Billy. My heart is full of gratitude for such love as they all have given me. My dearest love to all my friends. Now, dearest Mother and dearest Father I will say Good Bye for a time. You have given me my faith which makes this so easy for me, and a wonderful example and inspiration of courage and usefulness. All my love and God bless you both. Your son, EDWIN."

MIDDLE NAMES PASSING

The New York Sun believes that middle names are going out of style. It prints a list of prominent men in this country who have no middle names, or who have given up their middle names if they ever had one, and it calls attention to the fact that most of the babies christened these days will have to carry around with them only one name in addition to the surname. We have had two presidents who dropped their first name and used only the middle name—Stephen Grover Cleveland and Thomas Woodrow Wilson. John Quincy Adams was the first President with a double name and there was no other until Polk and Harrison. Then came Hayes, Garfield, Arthur and Taft. All the rest of our presidents have used but two names—the given name and the surname.

ORCHARD HOUSE

They met me at the quiet door, They took my hand in theirs, They led me through the rooms and up The silent stairs. We peeped in that old attic where Four chests stood in a row. Where "genius burned," where Pickwick clubs Met long ago. And then we climbed the wooded hill, All dim with fragrant shadows, To which long, little pilgrims came Their journey made. We raced through the long meadow grass, Which one small breezelet frets, We picked a bunch of buttercups And violets. We sat a while where one great tree A dreamy shadow flings— Five little spirit girls—and talked Of pleasant things. And last, they led me to the path, And kissed, and let me go. Long, long I saw them standing there— Meg, Amy, Beth and Jo. —Ruth Suckow in the Youths' Companion.

Over the Top in Penna.

Smallpox has spread into a dozen counties of Pennsylvania, most of them west of the Allegheny mountains, and the State Board of Health, largely due to labor movements, is being viewed with much concern by officials at the State Department in the West.

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Evening Chat

Weather Observer Demain yesterday afternoon estimated that four feet of snow had fallen in Harrisburg since winter began. As a matter of fact, it may be said that winter has never let up since it began and that all records of the sustained cold weather, of the alleged "old fashioned" kind have gone by the boards. The winter began as far as snow and ice and cold are concerned on December 12, as late deer hunters who were caught in the mountains will remember. Mr. Demain says that the aggregate of the snow will be forty-eight inches. "I do not know of anything ever happening like that in this city, certainly not as far as any records which we have." Mr. Demain's estimate is the official statement, taken from the observations at the weather bureau and are the thing to go by. The fact that the snow has equaled four feet may be a surprise to many people who are not conversant with what we have suffered at least six feet of snow. Mr. Demain's observations are taken on the Government observatory and represent the snow on the flat. In the streets it is hard to say what the snowfall would look like and as for the country the snow is less determined by the drifting. There are places in the country now where there are two feet of snow in fields which have the curb and the ice ports of the thickness of the snow which come to this city from the Susquehanna, Conowingo, Conahoguet, Stearns, and other creeks, all of which runs anywhere from two to three feet. Up the Susquehanna the ice is a yard thick. Just what will happen if there is a thaw instead of a gradual coming of warmer weather is not safe conjecture about when you are with a man who lives in a townland.

Col. Lewis E. Beidler, who was here yesterday to attend a meeting of the state's War Board, has a sense of fun "reminiscing." Yesterday he told the story of Roosevelt's breakfast ride from the Executive Mansion to the Capitol in 1906. It was Col. Beidler's birthday, but he had other reasons for remembering the day. In the winter of 1906, President shot out of the Mansion and into his carriage in record style, even for Roosevelt; then he made such a turn at Market street that he hit the curb and in going through an arch the wheels grazed it. "And," said the Colonel, "I think Mr. Roosevelt would have been willing to take the arch along."

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